



QUICK RESPONSE

*Saving life and property through effective licensing, plan review,
and inspection of fire protection systems.*

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Transferring Contractor License

MN Statute 299M and **MN Rule 7512.00** governing fire protection licensing are explicit about contractors not transferring their licensure to any other individual or company. Here's a scenario:

Licensed sprinkler contractor "A" is hired to provide a sprinkler system in a building. They design the system and acquire the necessary permit. They may install the system with their own certified journeyman and their own employees and/or they may choose to directly hire company "B", another licensed sprinkler contractor with certified journeymen, to perform the installation. This is not deemed as transferring a license. Contractor "A", not contractor "B", is responsible for the sprinkler system.

In the scenario above what is **not** allowed is for company "B" to be hired by a third party (e.g. a general contractor) and install the sprinkler system under company "A"'s license and permit. This would constitute transferring a license.

The following are excerpts from **MN Rule 7512**:

7512.0400 CONTRACTOR LICENSE REQUIRED; EXCEPTIONS.

Subpart 1. **License required.** Except as provided in subpart 2, a person must have a fire protection contractor license to perform fire protection-related work.

7512.0700 CHANGE IN CONTRACTOR LICENSE CONDITIONS.

Subp.4. **License not transferable.** A fire protection contractor license may not be transferred from one person or organization to another. A successor contractor may not perform fire protection-related work until after the successor contractor has obtained another license. In addition, the successor contractor shall obtain a bond that is separate and distinct from the bond under the original license.

7512.1100 PERMIT.

Subpart 1. **Authority having jurisdiction; permit requirements.** In areas of the state where a municipality reviews plans and inspects installations of fire protection systems, the municipality or the office or individual in the municipality responsible for plan review and inspection is the authority having jurisdiction. In all other areas of the state, the commissioner is the authority having jurisdiction for purposes of plan review and inspection. When required by the authority having jurisdiction, a fire protection contractor shall obtain a permit to perform fire protection-related work.

Links to fire protection licensing statutes and rules can be found on the **Fire Sprinkler Program** website at www.fire.state.mn.us/firesprink.html.